

BASEBALL HOLD-OUTS START TO CLIMB ON THE BAND WAGON.

N. Freeman's
COLUMNDempsey Shows Remarkable
Speed and Boxing Ability in
Three-Round Bout.

JACK DEMPSEY is, if anything, faster to-day than he ever was. Up at the Hippodrome last night where the champion opened a four weeks' engagement, he just radiated speed in a three round boxing exhibition with Larry Williams. Never a showy boxer in training camp, he seemed to be perfection in skill and footwork. No professional dancer could be lighter or more nimble. Off his heels every second, he was all over the improvised ring, ducking, side-stepping and placing punches with admirable accuracy on his sparring partner. Everything about the champion showed that even in off periods he has not failed to keep himself in shape. No athlete could move around so snappily and be out of condition.

The three round bout which Dempsey goes through is the most interesting feature of the twenty minutes' "work" he does on the stage. Before this he has to go through a trying speech and a bit of repartee with his manager, Jack Kearns. He gets by with it very satisfactorily. Incidentally Kearns delivered the oratorical goods in telling the audience what a landable game boxing is, and how it had such a staunch advocate as Theodore Roosevelt.

Dempsey was well received by a crowded house. It became a professional reception because everybody of prominence in the sporting world seemed in the audience. Dempsey says he would rather fight than do anything else, but while there is no one to conquer right now he will do very well as an actor.

SHOUTING "Foul!" is becoming a common occurrence these nights at boxing shows. Every time a blow is landed at or near the belt line, vigilant seconds lose no time in calling the referee's attention to it, as if said referee had no eyes of his own. Lew Tander, the Philadelphia light-weight, was ragged from Hymie Gold's corner at the Garden last Friday night every time he let a punch go to the mid-section. Nearly every one of these blows was well directed at Gold's belt line, and landing there, was well above the foul region, for the reason that the belt line made by Gold's purple trunks was about two inches above where it should be. Fighting trunks of the modern boxers are made high purposely and referees and the public are badly fooled by them. If foul blows are to be caused by the present styles in ring too anything below the chest may justify the indignation of smart handlers.

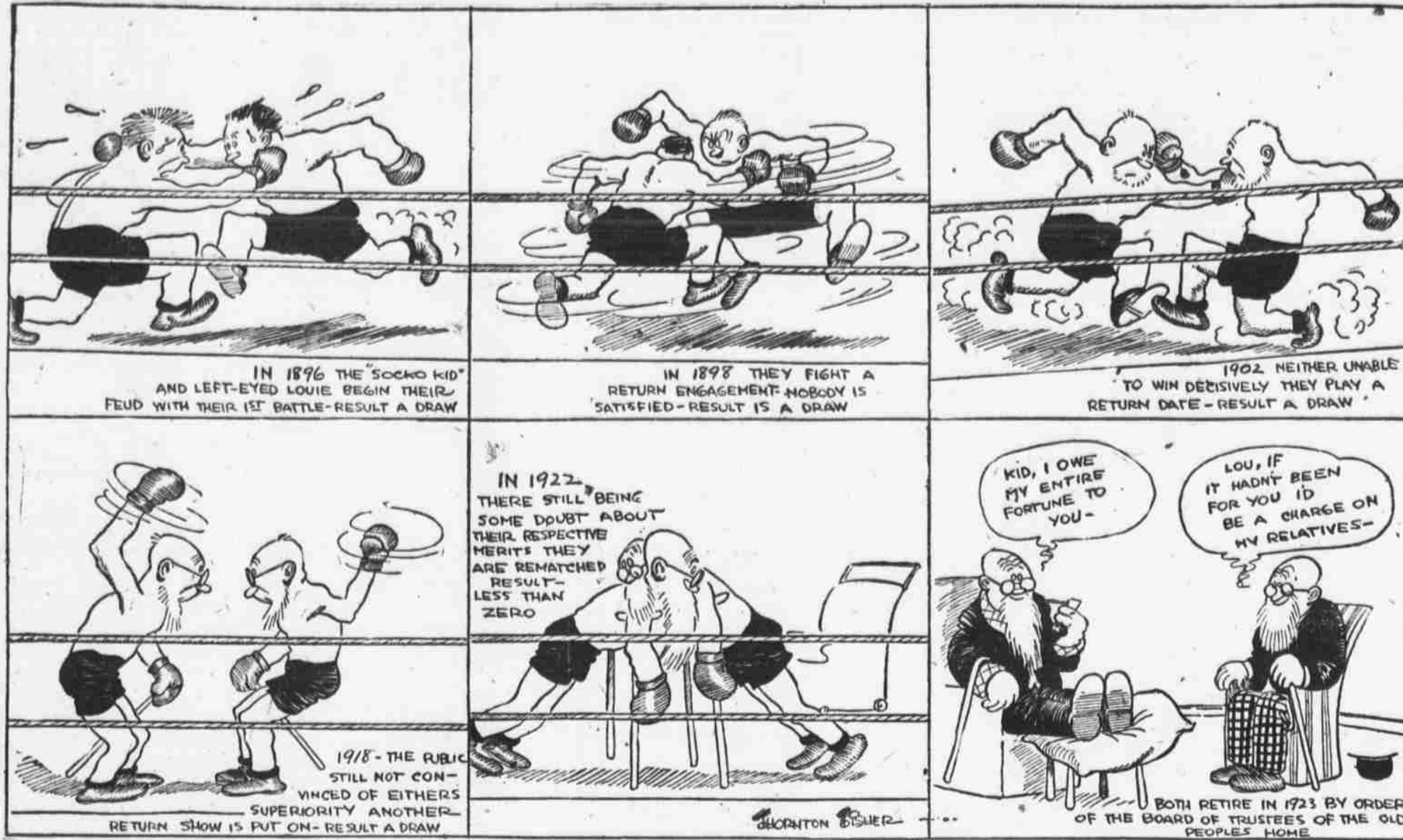
We don't wish to be understood as saying positively that young Gold wasn't fouled by Tander. He may have been, but some little time before the last claim was made for him it was evident that he was sinking from punches that landed on the short ribs and not on the stomach. Fouled or otherwise, the youngster did well against a very superior fighter, and should profit by the experience he gained.

WITH the demand already heard for seats for the coming Harry Greb-Tom Gibbons bout, it behooves those in charge of the ticket sale to give the public the consideration it is entitled to. The Boxing Commission might go out of its way to see that the spectators don't reap their regular harvest. Scores of complaints have reached us about other good fight occasions, the following being a sample:

Sporting Editor:
It might be well for the State Athletic Commission to look into the future and prepare for a general uprising on the part of the boxing fans who visit Madison Square Garden. Having gone to the trouble of being on hand on the morning of the first day of the sale of tickets for the Leonard-Kanias bout, I was told by the cashier in the main entrance that tickets had not arrived. Taking position near the window, I again asked for arena seats at 2 P. M. On this occasion I was told all arena seats had been sold, but there were plenty of \$11 floor seats. Possibly it can be explained why all arena seats at every show can be had at any cigar store in the neighborhood, while those who are first in line are told there are no arena seats but plenty of the more expensive ones. Yours in sport,
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THE HISTORY OF A RETURN BOUT

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By Thornton Fisher

Pipp Signs Contract
And Will Join Yankees
In Camp at New Orleans

Star First Baseman Spikes Rumor He Had Lined Up With Hold-Outs—Bob Meusel Getting Ready to Come to Terms.

By Robert Boyd.

IGGING up news along both the National and American League sectors these days is a difficult task. Hot Springs, Ark., is sheltering many of the shining lights of the national pastime, and New Orleans and San Antonio, Tex., are displaying more life with the coming of the big leaguers into their midst. The announcement of the receiving of the signed contract of Wally Pipp was made known by Ed. Barrow.

It was forwarded from Grand Rapids, Mich., where the tall and lanky first baseman passes his winters. He will join the team March 3 at New Orleans. This will settle once and for all the rumor that Wally was a member of the hold-outs. Bob Meusel also made his first move of the season at his home in California. Bob was expected to join the fraternity of Mays and Ward, but after his wiring for transportation to New Orleans from his home it is thought that the big right fielder will swing into line without much trouble.

Harry Frazee of the Boston Red Sox threw the baseball world into a state of excitement by stating early yesterday that he would have an important announcement ready later in the day. Something went wrong with the Boston owner's plans, for just when the dusk of the day settled on the big city he said that something important was contemplated, but he would not be able to make it known for at least a few days yet. By this it is clear that Frazee is not finished trading or selling players. He rocked the City of Culture with his last big deals, and it may be that Boston will tremble once again before the 1922 championship season rolls around.

Mark Roth and Charles McManus departed in charge of the first contingent of Yankee players for New Orleans. They will be met at New Orleans with the battery men and Babe Ruth, who have been taking the baths at the American Spa.

Ed. Barrow will not go South until the middle of next month. He will attend to the building plans of the Yankees' new stadium.

The Barnes-Douglas hold-out situation remains the same, according to Eddie Imanick, who is the only one left in the Giants' New York office.

Rogers Hornsby, the Cardinals' great second baseman, has not signed his 1922 contract. Neither has he been heard from since he played winter baseball on the Coast.

The St. Louis Browns started the 1922 training season by engaging in an eleven-inning game at Mobile, Lee Fohl announced that "Dixie" Davis, an alleged hold-out, had come to terms with the owners of the Browns.

Jesse Barnes will board the "Giant Special" at St. Louis and proceed South with the team. Huston and Huggins are heading for Hot Springs

HUGGINS SAYS MAYS
WILL BE WITH YANKEES

HOT SPRINGS, Feb. 28.—Miller Huggins started to-day to direct the training of the Yankees. The little manager is hopeful that his team will be kept intact. Answering rumors that Carl Mays, sensational pitcher of underhand shoots, would be traded, Huggins said: "Why would we want to trade that fellow who cost us so much time and money to get? To my knowledge there hasn't been a single club that put in a bid for Mays. I have been away and unacquainted with the front of the business office, but I am sure no attempt will be made to let Mays get away. He will be with us this season."

to get Ruth and Mays into line, while Aaron Ward still stays at the corner of his grocery store, as obstinate as ever regarding his contract for the coming season, while the Colonels show no disposition to yield to the Little Rock boy's exorbitant demands.

New Dodger Pitcher Shows
Well in Practice.

(Special to The Evening World.)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 28.—Manager Robbie, Nap Rucker, chief assistant to the general chairman, and Larry Sutton, veteran bone discoverer, are delighted over the progress made by several of the young pitchers and catchers during practice yesterday.

The three judges of the young talent spoke highly of the work of several individuals, and it appears as if at least two or three of the young pitchers will be retained after the Robins leave here for their trip with the Yankees.

Robbie, Rucker and Sutton closely watched the doings of Bill Bishop, a southpaw from Clearfield, Pa., a town he made famous by beating Connie Mack's lowly Athletics in an exhibition game during last summer. Bishop is a hustler who can pitch overarm, underhand and side arm, and the speed he displayed yesterday was envied by those who watched him. Bill doesn't look much like a pitcher, and there were anxious eyes watching him when he hopped into one of the Brooklyn travelling uniforms and started to fling the ball.

Larry Sutton, in particular, believes Bishop will make the big show. Of course Larry says that Bishop hasn't had much experience and that probably a year or two in the minors is what he needs. Bishop hasn't much control, but he has a world of stuff, and if he can control it he is going to be quite a hurler.

Another promising boy is Catcher Hungling. Hungling was the best catcher in the Southern League last season. He didn't do much work except receive the deliveries of several youngsters.

There is a big chance for a good catcher with the Robins. At present Otto Miller and Zack Taylor are the only catchers. Miller is near the end of his rope, while Taylor has never shown much. If Hungling and "Hank" Jerry, another rookie, come through, Taylor is going to find it hard to remain with the Dodgers.

Ebbets announced he had received a letter from Burrell Grimes, but what the letter said he would not state.

LIVE WIRES

By Neal R. O'Hara.

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Alario Zimp, the veteran scrivener, is planning to use "Keystone cushion" for second base this year.

"I have not decided on my lineup as yet," said Hubert Copsyaper in an interview, "but it is fairly safe to say that every team will be an aggregation and that 'hot corner' will continue for third base."

James Knight Pressate has decided to use "finger," "moundsman," "elabater" and "wingman" for his pitchers this season.

Albion Expenseaccount, Secretary of the Sporting Authors' Guild, announces that Jupiter Pluvius will be the official designation of rain for the major league season of 1922.

The uppercrust of raconteurs are already referring to home runs as circuit clouds. The fad is spreading all over the country.

The National Commission on Synonyms decrees that the official baseball for the current season shall be known as horseshides, pills and apples.

Webbington Glue, the sport page archaeologist, has dug up "initial sack" as a working title for first base. Mr. Glue has the Eastern territory for the use of this term.

Goose eggs, kalamine and whitewash are finding favor with the literary gentry as designations of scoreless efforts.

Schoolboy Basketball Teams
Start Final Round of Tourney

Standard of Game Greatly Improved in League of Neighborhood Schools Centres.

The final round for the League of Neighborhood Schools Centres basketball championship is now being played. In order to select the winners to play in the final contests it was necessary to conduct district and interdistrict games throughout the city. The tournament started on Dec. 19 with forty-four teams in the 125-pound class and with forty teams in the unlimited weight division. In the final division the record of games played the number of personal and technical fouls scored were recorded, and it is interesting to note that there was a noticeable decrease in the number of personal fouls committed.

Games played in the tournament have been close and exciting. In several of the semi-final interdistrict contests extra periods were necessitated by tie scores.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP.

Feb. 28—Centre No. 37, Bronx vs. No. 20, Manhattan, Juniors; Centre No. 93, Queens vs. No. 184, Manhattan, Seniors.
March 2—Centre No. 20, Manhattan

AMERICAN AUTOS SCORE
CLEAN SWEEP IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 28 (By Associated Press).—American automobiles finished first, second and third yesterday at the finish of the annual automobile race from Buenos Aires to Rosario and return, a distance of 206 kilometers (128.02 miles). The first leg of the race was run on Sunday. The time of the winning car was 19 hours, 23 minutes, 51 seconds.

The race was run over a difficult dirt road, and was under the auspices of the Argentine Automobile Club. Twenty-two cars participated. Twenty of these represented eleven different American makes and two were Italian.

BARRETT, OLD-TIME STAR
OF DIAMOND, LEAVES
HALF MILLION ESTATE.

James E. Barrett, one of baseball's greatest outfielders of all time, left at the time of his death a few weeks ago an estate of nearly half a million dollars. In the heyday of his diamond career Jimmy Barrett played an outfield position with Sam Crawford and Matty McIntyre on the Detroit team, but was forced to leave the team on account of a turned ankle. That was in 1905, the year Ty Cobb joined the team and filled the position vacated by Barrett.

During his years of baseball Barrett, always frugal and saving, accumulated about \$25,000 in cash. With this he entered the real estate business in Detroit, his home city, and at the time of his death had accumulated real estate, bonds and securities that if thrown on the market to-day would bring approximately \$400,000.

PITCHER BARNES
TELLS THE GIANTS
HE'S NO HOLD-OUT

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 28.—When the Giants' special train left here for San Antonio the only sad member of the party was Jess Barnes. The big pitcher caught up with the main body yesterday, very much depressed in spirits and vehemently declaring he is no hold-out. Jess evidently has only one idea—to return with the boys and help them capture another World's title.

Bluff or no bluff, this talk of sending Barnes "down the river" from a championship ball club has worked in the case of Jess. He has a chastened spirit, a contrite heart. He wants a chance to be good, and a chance to show just how good he can pitch. Mention Brooklyn or Boston to him and he shudders, and says he has no intention of leaving the Giants.

"Why, I'm not holding out," he said, when the New York caravan here on Monday night. "All I did was to say I'd report at San Antonio and see Mac before I signed. Why, the figures they offered weren't bad; not just what I wanted, but there wouldn't be any kick over that, I'm sure. It was just the way the contract was drawn up—not saying really wrong, but I wanted to explain some things to Mac. They shouldn't have got sore over that."

"I didn't make any excessive demands, as they say I did. I'm not swelled-headed over the World's Series. I know I wasn't right some of the time in the regular season last year, but I sure did come through and I don't see why they want to get rid of me. Why I'd rather work for McGraw than any manager I know; I like New York and I like our ball club. I'm going right down and see Mac. It's going to be all right. I don't see why he's picking on me. I didn't try to hold him up; why this is the first time I ever hesitated a minute signing a contract."

Barnes apparently has been worrying over the possibility of leaving the Giants. He says he's heavier than last year and looks in fine trim after a winter spent in hunting in Kansas. There are now seventeen players with the New York team to San Antonio troupe. Heinie Groh reported here with the famous "Blinker" Dick Knapella, the famous relief. Also there was Arthur Neff, the lone southpaw of the Giants.

Fistic News BY JOHN POLLOCK and Gossip

Two bouts between heavyweights

and one between bantamweights will be staged by Charley Doerserick at the Pioneer A. C. to-night. The big fellows who will clash are Tarzan Larkins, the giant Minnesota lumberjack, vs. Pat Bulger of the west side, in the feature bout of ten rounds, and Sallor Tom Maxted of Newark vs. Wolf Larsen for ten rounds. George Duly of the cast side clashes with Lew Guglielmini, the former amateur champion, for ten rounds.

Jack Reeves, the California heavyweight, who goes against Mike Burke of Greenwich Village in one of the three eight-round bouts which will precede the fifteen-round go between Harry Wills and Kid Norfolk at the Garden Thursday, must be some sort of a fighter, as Leo Flynn, who is now his manager, paid \$2,000 to his former manager for his contract.

Frankie Jerome and Eaminy Nable, both of Harlem, will clash in the main go of twelve rounds at the Star Sporting Club of Harlem to-night. As both lads are clever, shifty boxers, they ought to put up an interesting battle.

Gene Tunney, who fights Fay Kiser a ten-round go at Grand Rapids, Mich., before the Olympic A. C. on Friday night, left for that city last night. The rules of the boxing commission of that State call for the fighters to be there three days before the contest.

For the next boxing show to be held by the Ninth Coast Artillery Corps, Saturday night in its armory in West 14th Street, Bobby Doyle goes against Henry Catena for the flyweight championship title of the National Guard. They will meet in a twelve-round contest. Henry Catena and Ralph Perotti, and Jimmy Nardel and Earl Corbett clash in six-round battles.

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CUTLER LEADS GERMAN
IN BILLIARD TOURNEY.

Albert Cutler forged ahead in his 3,000 point 18.2 ballroom billiard match with the champion of Germany, Erich Hagenbacher, in the first block of the contest. At the completion of the day's play the score stands 600 for the American and 571 for Hagenbacher. At his first turn at the table Cutler scored a run of 135, the high run for the afternoon. Hagenbacher was slightly nervous at the beginning of the play, but as the game progressed he improved impressively, making runs of 117, 139 and 156. The match will be resumed at Maurice Daly's academy this afternoon.

NEW YORK CUEIST
BEATS CHICAGO RIVAL.

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—L. A. Servatis, representing the New York A. C., last night defeated Harry Whiting, Chicago, 50 to 41, in their match of the national amateur three-cushion billiard tournament. The game went 109 innings. Adolph Spilman of the Chicago A. C. defeated Franklin Fleming of Chicago, 115, 50 to 49 in 73 innings.

FIGHT RESULTS.

Broadway Club—Dave Rosenberg won decision from Marty Cross in 12 rounds. Staten Island—Johnny Shepard (England) and Charlie Pitts boxed a 12-round draw.

Troy—Jeff Smith knocked out K. O. Jaffe in 12 rounds. Cincinnati—Dave Shade and Billy Ryan, 12 rounds, draw.

Boston—Dan "Porky" Flynn defeated Joe Burke, 10 rounds, decision.

Philadelphia—Midget Smith defeated Mickey Delmont, 10 rounds, decision.

Indianapolis—Johnny Griffiths defeated Anthony Downey, 10 rounds, decision.

Iowa—Jack Sharkey beat Earl McArthur, 10 rounds.

Albama—Bennie Parman vs. Eddie Grane, 10 rounds, draw.

Dyn—Rube Dyer beat Johnny Shepard (Woburn), 10 rounds, decision.

Boston—Nate Siegel vs. Eddie Shevlin, 10 rounds, draw.

Detroit—Sindory Sandow defeated "Bad News" Eber, 10 rounds.

Salt Lake City—George Solis beat Al Walker, 6 rounds.

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